Ukiyo-e

Pictures of the Floating World

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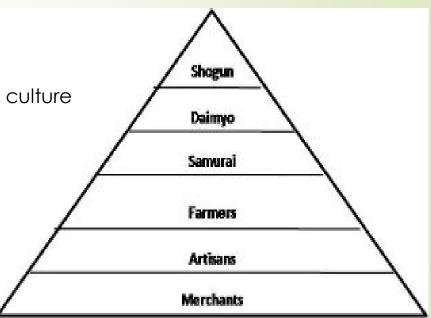
History

Ukiyo-e was developed in the city of Edo.

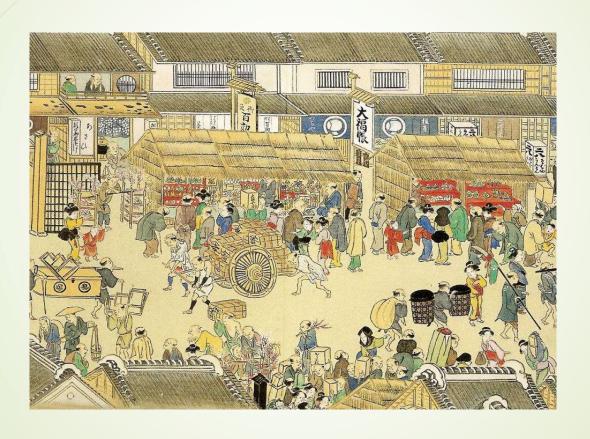
Birth of ukiyo-e is connected with a merchant class culture

Placed merchants at the lowest scale of society.

The merchants turn to art and culture



Popular among merchants



Popular culture

Ukiyo-e was a popular contemporary art form

Was made by and for common people

Many prints were selling on the streets of Edo

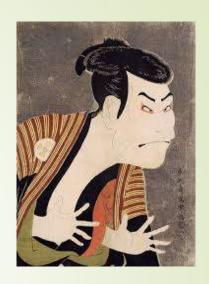
Was initially considered "low" art for the non-elite classes



Popular with all classes

Families decorated home with ukiyo-e



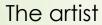




The process of Ukiyo-e

Requires four experts:







The carver



The printer

The publisher: chose the theme and advertised

Nishiki-e

Multicolor production



The end of the era, landscape prints gained popularity

Katsushika Hokusai

One of the most known artist of Ukiyo-e

36 different views of Mount Fuji

The representative work of Ukiyo-e





The Great Wave off Kanagawa

Fuji Impression in Clear Weather

Hiroshigue Utagawa



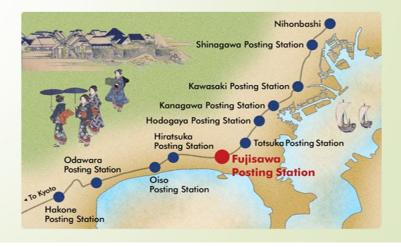
Nihonbashi on the Tokaido

Meisho-e: Pictures allowed common people of the period, who were unable to travel freely, to see their longed-for famous sights.



Starting point

End point 53 Stations of the Tokaido Road



Japonisme

Influence of Japanese art in Europe

1862 World's Fair in Europe

Impressionists such as Monet, Van Gogh, Gauguin and others

Ukiyo-e today

Ukiyo-e still being produced today

Adachi Institute of Wood prints preserves the technique

Only a few artisans

